

THE CLIMAX.

FRENCH TUPTON, Wm. G. WHITE.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1887.

Three young fellows were fined \$100 each at Danville for throwing rocks at a passenger train. What a glorious institution a whipping post would be in such cases.

September is here, and yet we hear nothing of a committee to be sent from Madison county to the State Industrial and Commercial Conference to be held in Louisville.

Georgetown is waking up to the importance of retaining the Baptist College, and has raised a fund of more than \$25,000 for the purpose of its retention.

About fifty mechanics have left Richmond and gone to Winchester. Houses are building all over, around, about, inside and outside of that town, on account of the proposed road to the mountains. Richmond doesn't want any thing, thank the Lord, but natural gas. "Blessed is he who expects nothing," &c.

The recent excursion to Niagara Falls gave a \$7.50 round-trip rate from Winchester, but taxed Richmond \$10, notwithstanding the regular fare for the round-trip from Richmond to Winchester is only \$1.40. The Winchester people are largely of that class denominated as "hustlers," and don't hesitate to ask for any thing they want.

SOLID SIX PER CENT.

Many tax-payers have an idea that the six per cent. to be added to all taxes, not paid by September 1st, (to-morrow) means six per cent. per annum. That is not correct. It means straight six per cent. on the face of the amount. For instance, if you owe \$20 tax, and do not pay it to-day, the amount will be \$21.20. Do you "catch on"?

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McCREARY.

The Louisville Commercial is evidently "stuck" on our Congressman, for it editorially says: "He is a born politician. It is evidently probable that he shook hands with the midwife a few moments after his birth. Certain it is that he has been shaking hands ever since. And what a warm, pervasive, lingering handshake he can give. Every twist of his wrist is worth a vote. And McCreary's smile too! It begins about the corners of his mouth, ripples over the broad surface of his face and wimples off into his raven locks in merry waves of infectious mirth. His eyes sparkle like a delectant's and his teeth are like a delectant's. It is a pleasure to look into McCreary's countenance. One can see one's self mirrored in its shining depths. Life has been one round of big dinners and easy victories for him. He has laughed at the world, and it has smiled back at him. He bowed his way through the departments at Washington, and the Secretaries knelt at his feet and offered him places for his political henchmen. When McCreary walks on Pennsylvania avenue the Washington wires echo the thunder of his foot-steps. When McCreary calls on the President there is a bulletin hung at every telegraph office in the State. McCreary's biography can be written in a sentence: "He is a smooth, oily, long-headed, wealthy politician."

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In addition to the above account from THE CLIMAX extra of yesterday morning, we this morning have more news of the insurance will reach \$7,500. The origin of the fire is not known. Pigg & Son lost six horses, Dr. Heath one, Dr. Morgan one, and Drs. Foster, Harber and Holton their buggies. Pigg & Son lost all their books accounts, but their money, and perhaps notes, was in a safe. They will rebuild. Joe Pigg lost his gold watch and clothing.
Covington, Arnold & Bro. have \$8,000 insurance, and they think they will find another policy of \$500. They have rented the Stockton house next to the Post-office.
Shackelford, Gentry, & Co., have helped the stock of W. C. Peyton, rented his house and are moving into it. They ask us to express their unbounded thanks to the large number of people who helped them at the fire. They will rebuild.
R. W. Turner's loss by removal is not yet ascertained. Mrs. M. Bronston's loss on house occupied by Turner about \$400.
Alfred Douglas, A. C. Clowers and Nathan B. Turpin lost \$50 each in carpenter's tools in their shop in the rear of Green's opera house.
The local insurance agents loss as follows: Greenleaf & Crooke, \$21,200; J. Speed Smith, \$6,500;

PERKINS.
Dry and cool.
Some of the tobacco growers have commenced to gather their crops.
Arthur Madden, who was shot, was not as badly hurt as at first reported.
John W. Herring will commence his series of music lessons at Bethel on the first Sunday in September.
Dr. J. T. Hood removed from the side of Wood Taylor's child a needle which it had swallowed a month previous.
James M. Hill had a horse to fall into a well on his place, but by the assistance of friends and neighbors he was brought to the surface safe.

Something New.

I can give you the best lace curtains on the market for the money—\$2 to \$15. J. S. Collins. August 31st.

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FROM THE CLIMAX EXTRA.

Tuesday, August 30, 4 A. M.

At 11:20 o'clock last night a fire broke out in the livery stable of W. W. Pigg & Son, on Main street, and in the shortest time possible, so rapid were the flames, the entire stable, with seven horses, fifteen vehicles, and much other property, were in ruins. The alarm was sounded and the engines brought rapidly to the scene, but the conflagration could not be subdued until Covington, Arnold & Bro.'s grocery, Shackelford, Gentry & Co.'s hardware house, New opera house, Neff's produce store, Douglas's butcher shop and Green's opera house, the Adams Express, S. Dinelli & Co.'s restaurant and Smith & Bolton's shop were consumed, entailing a loss of probably \$60,000, and so far as we can learn, only \$30,000 insurance. It looked as if the entire block would go, and at one time there was great danger of the fire crossing Main street. But the wind was from the North-east, and the flames and sparks were carried rather to the rear of the buildings. The chemical engines played an important part toward checking the fire, but a steam fire engine could have saved all except the stable, new opera house, Neff's and Douglas's houses. Green's opera house held out nobly, and it was not till nearly 1 o'clock that it was hopelessly on fire. The chemical engines could probably have saved it, had not their undivided attention been required to save the remainder of the square. The losses and insurance are as hereunder given:

W. W. Pigg & Son, loss \$10,000; insurance \$4,000.
Covington, Arnold & Bro., loss \$12,000—\$8,000 on house and \$4,000 on goods; insurance \$7,500.
Shackelford, Gentry & Co., loss on goods \$12,000; insurance \$6,500.
Buckeye Machine Co., loss on goods \$1,000.
James T. Shackelford, loss on house \$8,000; insurance \$4,000.
Harber, Brooks & Stockton, loss on the new opera house \$6,000; insurance \$3,000.
M. Harber, loss on box houses occupied by R. W. Neff and W. H. Douglas, \$800; insurance \$400.
R. W. Neff